

§ 556.4 Responsibilities.

(a) The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER) will be the Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) proponent for POs on DA installations.

(b) The Commander, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center (CFSC), will establish DA policies and procedures for operation of POs on DA installations.

(c) Major Army commanders will—

(1) Ensure that subordinate commands comply with this regulation.

(2) Review installation policies and procedures for monitoring POs.

(d) Installation commanders will—

(1) Ensure that all POs operating on their installations comply with this regulation.

(2) Determine what conditions require an official inquiry or investigation of a PO to best preserve United States interests. An official inquiry will not be made to meet the biennial PO audit requirement.

(3) Prohibit the possession or sale of drug abuse paraphernalia by or in POs, as required by AR 190-30.

Subpart B—Private Organizations

DESCRIPTION

§ 556.5 Types of private organizations.

(a) *Three PO types.* (1) Type 1—Federally sanctioned POs. POs that provide a recognized service to DOD and its employees. These POs are sanctioned by specific DOD authority. All type 1 POs are governed by this regulation except those listed below.

(i) Credit unions. (See AR 210-24.)

(ii) Banking offices or institutions. (See AR 210-135.)

(iii) American National Red Cross. (See AR 930-5.)

(iv) United Service Organization, Inc. (See AR 930-1.)

(v) United Seamen's Service. (See AR 700-83.)

(vi) Labor organizations subject to section 71, title 5, United States Code (5 U.S.C. 71) (See Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) chap. 711.)

(vii) Association of Supervisors and Managers. (See CPR 251.)

(viii) Civil Air Patrols. (See Air Force Regulation 46-6.)

(ix) Army Emergency Relief. (See AR 930-4.)

(2) *Type 2—Affiliated POs.* POs that have a national or State headquarters with local chapters, affiliations, or lodges. These POs conduct activities of common interest to a voluntary membership.

(3) *Type 3—Independent POs.* POs established, organized, operated, and controlled locally by common interest groups with no formal association with outside or parent organizations.

(b) *PO subtypes.* (1) For classification purposes there are eight authorized subtypes of POs. Classification of POs does not confer a preferred status on any one type or subtype, but serves to identify the various POs commonly found on DA installations. All POs operating on-post will receive equal treatment. (See appendix B to this part for a classification schematic of POs.)

(2) Authorized groupings are based upon one or more of the following characteristics:

(i) Similar purposes or objectives.

(ii) Related activities.

(iii) Common age level of membership.

§ 556.6 Informal funds.

Certain unofficial activities may operate on DA installations without being authorized as type 3 (Independent) POs, provided they do not exceed a net worth of \$1,000. Installation commanders may exclude certain funds or activities from the provisions of this regulation due to their limited scopes, activities, memberships, or funds. (Examples are office coffee funds, cup and flower funds, Christmas party funds, family support groups, Army Community Service (ACS) volunteer activities, and annual picnic funds.) These smaller funds are subject to the following:

(a) Only one individual is to be responsible for fund custody, accounting, and documentation. The fund custodian will administer fund business during off-duty time. This individual will report annually to his or her military rater or civilian supervisor, as appropriate, concerning the fund's existence and purpose, financial status, or upon occurrence or suspicion of irregularities associated with the fund.

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(b) Use is limited to expenses consistent with the purpose and function of the fund, and is not to be expended in any way that is, or appears to be, improper or contrary to Army interests.

(c) Compliance with AR 600-50 is to be observed when participating in private organizational activities and when expending informal funds.

(d) Commanders are to ensure that personnel are aware of Army policy regarding private organizations and may establish more specific policy and procedures for private organizational activities and informal funds on their installations.

POLICY

§ 556.7 Overview.

(a) POs are not NAFIs, so they are not entitled to the special immunities and privileges given NAFIs.

(b) POs are not entitled to, and will not receive, DA endorsement by virtue of their contributions to the military installation, their espousal of DA goals and objectives, their support of the military community, or for any other reason.

(c) There is no official relationship between PO activities and official duties and responsibilities of DOD personnel who are PO members or participants.

(d) POs are not part of the military organization, so they receive only limited Government supervision.

(e) POs operate on a financially and operationally self-sustaining basis, except for support authorized in chapter 4.

(f) Neither the Federal Government nor its NAFIs have any vested interest in the assets of a PO. Nor will either make any claim to PO assets or incur or assume any obligation of a PO.

(g) Installation commanders may acquire for the installation (under DA policy and applicable Federal laws) property—

(1) Abandoned by a PO due to its disestablishment.

(2) Given to the installation by the PO. (See AR 1-100.)

(h) POs will follow all laws governing comparable private sector activities. (See § 556.13)

(i) DA interest in the operations of POs is due only to their—

(1) Location on DA installations.

(2) Relationships with both the Federal and private sectors.

(3) Activities that support recognized programs that benefit the DOD family.

(4) Responsibilities as employers.

§ 556.8 Restrictions.

(a) No PO will use or include in its title, logo, or letterhead—

(1) The name or seal of DOD or the acronym “DOD.”

(2) The name, abbreviation, or seal of any military department or Service.

(3) The seal, insignia, or other identifying device of the local installation. The installation commander may authorize an exception to this restriction if clear identification is needed, provided official DOD sponsorship or endorsement is neither stated nor implied.

(b) Activities of POs will in no way prejudice or discredit DOD components or other agencies of the Federal Government.

(c) A PO will not duplicate or compete with a NAFI or APF governmental function on a DA installation.

(d) All PO functions and expenditures must be authorized by the local PO's constitution by bylaws. Only the PO will choose its specific functions and expenditures. DOD personnel acting in an official capacity will not influence these choices.

(e) A PO will not be created, operated, or administered by DOD personnel acting in an official capacity or on behalf of an official purpose to evade restrictions on expenditures of APFs or NAFs.

(f) A PO will not be created, operated, or administered for a commercial purpose.

(g) POs will not engage in the resale of alcoholic beverages at any time.

§ 556.9 PO employment and membership practices.

(a) POs must follow all labor laws that apply to private sector employment. POs will not be allowed to operate on DA installations if their employment practices discriminate based on—